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1. RICHARD DUDMAN, CHIEF WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT OF THE ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH, CALLED ON ME FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 23. HE TOLD ME HE HAD ARRIVED THAT AFTERNOON FROM BANGKOK AND WOULD CONTINUE TO HANOI EARLY SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 24. HE EXPECTS TO SPEND THREE WEEKS IN VIET NAM. HE SAID HE HAD APPLIED FOR A VISA IN JUNE THROUGH THE VIETNAMESE IN NEW YORK AND HAD BEEN TOLD TO PICK UP HIS VISA IN VIENTIANE. HE HAD RECEIVED THE NECESSARY LAO TRANSIT VISA IN WASHINGTON.
2. I TOLD DUDMAN THAT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, EXCEPT FOR THE JOURNALISTS WHO ACCOMPANIED THE WOODCOCK COMMISSION, HE IS THE FIRST AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT TO BE ADMITTED TO LAOS SINCE DAVID ANDELMAN OF THE NEW YORK TIMES WAS ASKED TO LEAVE IN AUGUST OF 1976

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3. DUDMAN SAID HE HOPED TO WORK OUT A SCHEDULE WITH THE VIETNAMESE WHICH WOULD PERMIT HIM TO TRAVEL WIDELY IN VIET NAM. IF HE RETURNS THROUGH LAOS HE PLANS TO CALL ON US AGAIN AND TO TRY TO DO SOME STORIES ON LAOS.
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